

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2005

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Thursday, February 10, 2005 in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Greg Castano, Michael Goodno, Katherine Kelly, Laurie Kelly, Larry Rubin, Susan Solarz, Steve Moody, Suzanna Banwell

Members Absent: Robert Patten

Staff Present: Ilona Blanchard, Associate Planner

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45 PM by Greg Castano, Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes: vote on reading, vote on adoption

Members discussed how to handle the approval of minutes in the future, as well as the procedure for providing copies of paperwork at meetings. Greg expressed a concern with the amount of paper (copies) on the table.

A motion was made to approve the January minutes, the motion was seconded, and minutes were unanimously adopted.

3. Brief Announcements / Updates

Mayor Porter, HB137: Mayor Porter forwards pedestrian safety items to Greg on a regular basis. HB137 proposes to make killing a pedestrian a misdemeanor. The Committee is unsure what the current charge is.

Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee: The Silver Spring Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board meets every fourth Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Laurie volunteered to monitor what happens in the Committee. We'll decide later whether to send a representative from our Committee.

Transportation Enhancement Funding: Katherine Kelley let us know that SHA Engineering and Design has transportation enhancements funding with a March 1

Greg asked the Subcommittee to meet again to further refine the list of projects by the criteria produced by the Committee.

5. Status Reports

Park Connectors (Mike): MNCPPC is looking into connecting bike paths to parks etc. Three connector projects are already recommended on parts of the Long Branch Trail.

Bike Pathless ICC (Katherine): Larry and the Committee discussed when official actions must be voted on, by email or otherwise. Is an action made by an individual on behalf of the Committee?—that is the question. We would like Greg to send items out for us to approve. Then, members who respond, once it is an appropriate number, will make the decision on behalf of the Committee. Ilona brought up the point that any actions should be taken publicly, including those by email and should be recorded according to the open meeting law. One idea is to state any actions taken through email in the minutes at the next meeting. If anything needs to be accomplished by a deadline within the next month, it is possible that we may vote by email. Otherwise, the voting will occur at the next meeting. One possibility is that items that are time sensitive are submitted to Council, etc. by one person rather than by the Committee as a whole in order that the Open Meetings Law not be violated. Greg will work on a policy. As it seemed that comment from the Council on the ICC might not be needed until late March, a resolution would be developed for approval at the next meeting.

Philadelphia Avenue: Since the last meeting, a stream of emails among Committee members resulted in the approval of Larry and Suzanna's Philadelphia Avenue letter for transmission from the Safe Roadways Committee to the City Council.

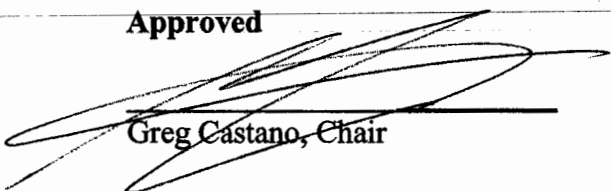
Officers Subcommittee: Greg reported that the Committee officers have been meeting.

6. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted


Laurie Kelly

Approved


Greg Castano, Chair